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The Honorable Ted Cruz
167 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Cruz,

We write to you as chief executive officers of autonomous vehicle companies who are deeply committed to bringing the benefits of the technology to the American public. Our companies have significant employment, investment, or intentions to launch operations in Texas. Your home state is a national leader on autonomous vehicle deployment with a thoughtful regulatory system that promotes safety and economic activity through a clear, consistent, and innovation-friendly regulatory framework that allows companies to safely deploy autonomous vehicles while maintaining strong public oversight.

Texas was an early state to pass an autonomous vehicle law, and updated that law in 2025 in a thoughtful way that will ensure it continues to be a national leader. Policymakers across Texas work closely with autonomous vehicle companies to drive roadway safety and economic development. This includes state agencies like the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation, and Department of Public Safety, and first responders and law enforcement at both the state and local levels.

In your role as Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, you play a vital role facilitating U.S. global leadership in autonomous vehicle innovation. We greatly appreciate your decision to convene the Committee's recent hearing to examine federal policy related to autonomous vehicles. That hearing was an important step toward developing a federal framework that supports technological development and American leadership. Furthermore, we are grateful for your statement at the hearing that "As we consider a surface transportation reauthorization, it is imperative that Congress acts now to create a national standard for AVs."

As you and members of the Committee develop policies for the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization legislation, we strongly encourage you to prioritize federal autonomous vehicle policy. A clear federal framework (for example, [AVIA's recommended AV framework](#)) would provide regulatory certainty, promote interstate commerce, and help the U.S. continue to lead the world in transportation innovation.

Federal policy should build upon the successful approaches already demonstrated by leading states, such as Texas. Your home state provides a powerful example of how balanced policy can support safe deployment and rapid technological advancement. The lessons learned from Texas—clear statutory authority, collaboration between industry and public agencies, and strong engagement with first responders and law enforcement—should inform a national approach that enables responsible deployment across the country.

Federal autonomous vehicle policy would also help reinforce and amplify the leadership that Texas has already demonstrated. By establishing a federal framework that reflects the principles proven successful in Texas, you can make sure the state continues to serve as a national hub and employment base for autonomous vehicle development, deployment, and investment. Such leadership will not only strengthen the Texas economy but will also enhance roadway safety, expand mobility options for millions of Americans, and improve the resilience and efficiency of our nation’s supply chains.

We appreciate your leadership and stand ready to work with you and the Committee as Congress develops policies that will shape the future of transportation in the United States. Thank you again for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to advancing American innovation.

Sincerely,

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